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WHY BERKELEY WILL PRESERVE ITS AUTONOMY.

A Correspondent Exposes
the Consolidation
Schemers.

"Oakland, the Heaviest Taxed and
Worst Governed Town
in the State."

Editor GAZETTE: There are a lot of old grannies of the male persuasion in Oakland, having nothing to lose and everything to gain, who spend their time in tickling their own vanity and trying to convince others of their importance by calling themselves a Board of Trade. They and those like them have killed all the vitality the town ever had, by their fake schemes in business, their insouciance, and general crankiness in religion, and their snobbishness in society.

They have not the faintest idea of the essential elements required for a growing town, and have cultivated the opposite so long that half of the windows of the town are plastered with that infallible sign of decay, "To Let." The mouth-piece of this Board of Self-Concept is aptly named Becky Sharpe, whose vapors only serve to make more clear the fact that Oakland is the heaviest taxed and worst governed town in the State, and the only so-called argument in favor of annexation even among themselves is to bring in more property to lighten their taxes, and create more offices for them to fill.

The brilliant correspondent of the Call was recently delivered of the following:

"After all there is not so much opposition to the consolidation as is commonly supposed. The most profound anti-consolidationists are the office-holders in the outside towns, and it would be worse than folly to expect them to vote themselves out of office."

The insufferable insolence of this penny-a-liner is only equalled by the density of his ignorance.

I cannot speak for Alameda, but I will buy a ticket to the next snide show our neighbor gets up, for every voter in Berkeley above one per cent, who favors annexation to that rotten borough.

There is absolutely no reason why a citizen of Alameda or Berkeley should desire a closer union with Oakland. We would be the losers from every point of view. We have a better government, although ours is far, very far from being perfect; our taxes are less, although they could be reduced one-third without detriment to the public services; we have better and cheaper schools, though ours cost twenty-five per cent more than necessary; we have better streets and sidewalks, and are extending them much faster than Oakland; we have less pothouse politicians and more enterprises; less barroom oratory and more public spirit; less office seekers and more men worthy of office; less tax-payers and more tax payers; in short, more of the elements which attract population, and in consequence we are growing faster than any town in the State, while Oakland is standing still or actually retrograding.

If the "best citizens" of that town will take sound advice, they will try to make it a clean, healthy, agreeable and cheap place of residence, to which home seekers will come willingly, instead of trying to compel them to come by Act of the Legislature.

To this end let them banish a horde of office seekers who have not a ghost of a chance of election, drive out the thugs, gamblers and fakers, and, though this process will largely reduce the population temporarily, room will be made for men who build cities by the only legitimate means.

Alameda and Berkeley will never vote to join Oakland, and no Legislature will ever compel them against their will, even if it had the power, BERKELEY.

INSOLVENCY OF DIEDRICH FILDERMANN.

He Owned a Half Interest
in the Eureka Oil
Works.

The Liabilities Exceed the Assets
by Nine Thousand
Dollars.

Diedrich Fildermann, putative half owner of the Eureka Oil Works, at West Berkeley yesterday filed a petition in insolvency. Fildermann places his assets at \$2700, while he claims his liabilities are \$12,000.

The liabilities consist of the following: The claims of John J. Higgins for \$5750 and D. E. Cotton \$1838.37, Lizzie M. Ferris for \$2202.13, and John Stewart \$295.10, and of J. J. Higgins who holds a \$2000 note signed by the petitioner and D. E. Cotton, which the petitioner says is allowed by Cotton.

His assets consist of household furniture valued at \$200 exempt from execution and the \$2000 note against Cotton and a \$500 good will in the oil business at West Berkeley.

Fildermann who lives in Alameda became interested in the oil works about five years ago. He purchased Higgins' interest, paying \$3000 down and giving a mortgage for the balance. He was unable to pay the balance and his title has been in dispute ever since.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE.

Announcement of Question for the
Next Contest.

C. F. Thomas 99, Secretary of the Stanford-California Debating Committee, received yesterday the question chosen by the Stanford Debating League for this year's intercollegiate debate. Our committee has seven days in which to decide upon the choice of sides. The question is:

Resolved, that the system of unrestricted production of prison-made goods for sale in the open market on the public account is preferable as a system of prison management to that which is in operation in the State of New York.

The Stanford debaters were chosen last term and are Messrs. S. G. Bailie, J. Ferguson and A. B. Morgan. Our team has as yet taken no definite shape. Entries for the preliminaries close today at 3:45 p. m. and must be handed to L. E. Kilkeny 98 or C. E. Thomas 99. Seven entries are so far made and the number will undoubtedly be greatly increased before tonight. Dates have not yet been set for the preliminaries.

Johnny Gilpin, who lives with his parents at the corner of Sixth street and Bunkerhoff way, cut off the index finger of his right hand, yesterday, while chopping wood.

Nearly all of the members of the Ronaldson family of Lorin are down with la grippe.

A. B. Dixon of Lorin is seriously ill with a complication of diseases.

The Cooperative Society expects to receive today the shipment of University flags which has been expected for some time. The samples have been so satisfactory that a large sale is expected.

A Surprise.
To see the great bargains in Oil Heating and Cooking Stoves at E. H. Driggs, 2126 Center street. All things else in his line comparatively cheap.

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in shoes go to D. E. Wentworth, 80
Delaware street, West Berkeley.

TEMPERANCE WORKERS IN SESSION.

Quarterly Conference of the
Alameda County W.
C. T. U. Today

A Petition to Prevent the Use
of Tobacco On Street
Cars.

The Quarterly Conference of the Alameda County W. C. T. U. commenced this morning in Stiles hall. A large number of the Temperance ladies were present and the proceedings were of an interesting character.

The conference opened with an executive session at which Mrs. R. R. Johnson, President of the Alameda County Union, presided.

The Treasurer presented a report showing that the financial affairs of the Union are in good condition.

There was considerable discussion on the evils of cigarette smoking and a petition to the Railroad Companies asking them to prohibit the use of tobacco in any form on the cars was introduced and thrown open for signatures.

The memorial services in honor of the late Miss Frances E. Willard, the great leader of the Union, were particularly impressive. Devotional services were also held.

SPAIN EAGER TO BEGIN BATTLE.

Government Urged to Strike the
First Blow.

London, Feb. 25.—According to a special dispatch from Madrid, the reports received there from the United States to the effect that public opinion in the latter country is becoming more excited owing to the impression that the loss of the Maine is not due to an accident, are "restirring popular feeling here (in Madrid), and the conviction is increasing in Ministerial circles that the worst must be expected."

"Continuing" the dispatch says: "The Government has no choice if the United States adopts a threatening attitude, for the prospects of war is popular with all parties, and the most excitable newspapers are already urging the Government to take measures to enable Spain to strike the first and decisive blow."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT COLLEGE.

Doings of Students and Faculty
Body.

Professor Jones was unable to meet his classes Wednesday on account of illness.

A picked nine from Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity played a Championship game of baseball on the Campus Wednesday afternoon. Five innings were played and the game lacked no excitement from first to last. The Dekes won the game with a score of 18 to 10 in their favor.

Mr. G. W. Percy, the well known architect, of the firm of Percy & Hamilton of San Francisco, delivered an interesting lecture to the Engineering students yesterday afternoon. His subject was "Modern Skeleton Structures."

Secretary Davis has received a copy of the resolution drawn up by the farmers of the Danada, Tulare County, Irrigation District thanking the University for assistance in conducting a Farmer's Institute in that vicinity. The resolutions express great appreciation of the work of Professor Fowler and his associates, and ask for another institute in the near future.

THE WHARF PROPOSITION INTRODUCED.

West-Berkeleyans Who
Would Combine Wharf
and School Bonds.

The Experiment Was Tried Two
Years Ago, But Failed
to Carry.

Charles Hadlen of West Berkeley is authority for the statement that there is a strong sentiment in favor of combining the school bond proposition with wharf bonds—the same proposition which was defeated two years ago.

"The feeling here," said Mr. Hadlen this morning, "is strongly against bonding for a new High School at present, more particularly for the reason that the people feel that they cannot afford to pay the extra tax. But the building of a wharf would change the aspect of the whole situation. A wharf would not only pay principal and interest on the bonds, but would yield a handsome revenue to the city as well—sufficient, it is confidently stated, to reduce taxation so that the High School bonds would not be an extra burden upon the taxpayers."

A wharf suitable to our needs can be constructed for \$40,000. If the bonds had carried two years ago the Valley Road would have been in Berkeley today, and it is not too late to induce the directors of the Road to build to Berkeley, by the construction of a wharf."

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF UNIVERSITY.

The Contents of First Issue of the
Chronicle.

The first number of the University Chronicle, the official record of the University of California will appear before long. The University printing office has been busy for some time upon the publication. From the index, this first issue will be of no small interest to the college at large.

A general announcement of the Chronicle is followed by an article by Prof. Joseph Le Conte entitled "The True Idea of a University." The University "Soprano," by W. R. Davis follows, while "A Year's Review," by President Martin Kellogg and "Edmund Burke as a Statesman" by Sheldon G. Kellogg complete the list of principal articles.

The remainder of the issue is given up to the chronicle proper of University events. The new buildings and equipments are spoken of, the Phoebe Hearst plan explained, a record of the official action of the University given and all news relative to the library noted.

Besides this the Scientific Societies are given due notice, accounts of Philosophical Union, the Political Science Club and the Science Association all find their place in this issue. A list of current events and a ten years' report of the Students' Observatory completes this comprehensive record of University doings.

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SHALL THE CITY BE BONDED?

Interviews With Citizens Regarding an Important
Measure.

Suggestions and Opinions As To
the Proposed New
Schools.

Following is a list of interviews and opinions which the GAZETTE is publishing daily in regard to the advisability of bonding the City for \$75,000 of which amount \$60,000 will be used for the construction of a site and the erection of a new High School building, the balance for a site and the construction of a Grammar School at North Berkeley.

T. F. Graber—I am strongly opposed to the issuance of bonds. The proper method to raise money is by a direct tax. We have done so before and it proved a success. There is neither sense nor justice in bonding, as we would be compelled to pay for more money than we will get the benefit of; why should we place a burden on our children when they will have burdens enough of their own to bear. Then again if we issue bonds, Berkeley will have to settle; whereas a direct tax would fall on these portions of the old School district now in Oakland, and also north of Berkeley. Of course it is understood that the Center street site will be used.

J. G. Wright—I am for the schools and will vote for the bonds, as that seems under present conditions the best way to raise the money.

James Anderson—I am willing to pay my share toward building the new High School, whether it be by bonding or special tax.

Harold Williams—I am in favor of bonding.

PROF. PLEHN ON TAXATION

"Need of Reform in the Taxation
System of California."

Professor Plehn delivered his lecture in History 144 yesterday afternoon on "The Need of Reform in the Taxation System of California." He said in part that the great increase in public expenditures is a burden on the people who pay no taxes and who gain such benefit by taxes paid by one class of people—the farmers.

Secondly, our practice is not consistent with our theory—equal taxation for all; and with our present methods it seems impossible to improve the practice.

Thirdly, the burdens placed on farming commodities are becoming unbearable and tend to increase emigration to the city and as has been stated by Professor Moses the large growth of cities are not conducive to the best interests of a democracy.

Fourthly, a premium is put upon perjury. An honest man pays more than his proportionate share and this only can be avoided by false testimony as to his possessions.

Born.
In West Berkeley, February 24, to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Carcat, a daughter.

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THE WATER ORDINANCE AMBIGUOUS.

Difference of Opinion Concerning the Meaning of
Certain Sections.

Town Officials and the Water
Company Take Opposite
Views.

There is some difference of opinion regarding section six of the new water rate ordinance. The ordinance requires that all water, except where otherwise provided shall be sold by meter. Alameda water company says in part:

"When application is made for water by any person, there shall be deposited by such person, with the person, firm, association or corporation, so supplying water in Berkeley, the sum of five (5) dollars, as an advance payment for water, and the same shall be deducted from the first bills of water furnished by means of such meters."

Now the questions are, shall people who are consumers be compelled to deposit the money or does it apply only to those who apply for water after the ordinance goes into effect which will be July 1? Furthermore if either or both these questions are to be answered in the affirmative, in what essential does the new ordinance differ from the old in regard to the meters?

Superintendent Wellendorf of the Alameda Water Company states that according to his interpretation, the \$5 proviso became inoperative when the ordinance goes into effect. On the other hand, Trustee Madoney states that the \$5 must be deposited.

The question will probably be discussed at the next meeting of the Board.

Real Estate.

John O and Lena Adler to Christina Johnston, undivided half interest in lot on n line of Blackstock street, 143-61 w of Lowell, w 50 by n 100, being lots 6 and 7, map of plot 5, and a portion of plot 6, Dohr tract Berkeley; \$10.

B. Selvey to George V. Leland; lots 12 and 13, block 4, Graves and Taylor tract, Berkeley (quit claim deed); \$5.

Chess Notes.

Mr. M. Euphrat, who came out third in the recent preliminary tournament is entitled to a place on the intercollegiate team, but owing to the fact that he is in his Senior year, and is taking less than the required number of hours, he may be disqualified from the contest. If no protest comes from Stanford before Saturday he will play. The intercollegiate tournament will be played on March 8 at Hopkins Institute of Art in San Francisco, at 9:30 a. m.

Last chance to buy black and colored dress goods, portiere, lace curtains, etc., also lawns, demities and calicoes at 31c per yard, worth 10c, corsets, hosiery, gent's underwear at very low figures at the Bankrupt sale of John Hanby's stock corner 11th and Washington streets, Oakland, J. P. Gilman, Agent.

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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND THE TRUTH.

Odd Fellows Celebrate Their
Twentieth Anniversary
in This City.

The Noteworthy Occasion Is Fit-
tingly Commemorated by
the Brethren.

Berkeley lodge, No 270, I. O. O. F. celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its institution last night in Unity hall. A number of brethren from other lodges were present.

Brother D. G. M. Dodge congratulated the lodge upon its flourishing condition and E. W. Davis, Joseph Chappie, W. M. Ellis, J. A. Boynton, F. Ryan and J. Woolley made brief addresses.

A. H. Broad recited "The Burial of Moses."

Then followed the banquet and the festivities were kept up until a late hour.

Berkeley Lodge No. 270, was instituted February 20, 1878, with the following charter members:

John Woolley P. G., Geo. L. Tallman, F. J. Ryan, L. H. Anthony, S. C. Clark, Dr. F. H. Payne, J. A. Boynton, Joseph Chappie, Joseph Farrell, William Ellis, Geo. D. Metcalf and F. B. Tarbutt.

The following officers were installed: Dr. F. H. Payne, N. G.; S. C. Clark, V. G.; F. J. Ryan, Permanent Secretary; Geo. L. Tallman, Recording Secretary; Joseph Chappie, Treasurer; William Ellis, Warden; J. Boynton, Conductor; F. B. Tarbutt, Outside Guardian; L. H. Anthony, Inside Guardian; John Woolley and Geo. D. Metcalf, Right and Left Supporters of N. G. Joseph Farrell, R. S. of V. G.

The following brothers were then initiated into the order: Joseph McClain, Thomas Hann, William Menefee and B. Woods.

The lodge was in session all night so as to give the brothers all of the degrees and closed by installing them into the following places: William Menefee, R. S. to V. G.; Geo. Joseph McClain and T. Hann, R. and L. S. S.

The lodge was then prepared for active work and has had a busy and active life of usefulness for twenty years. For the relief of distress, burial of the dead, and educating the orphan \$74.88 has been received.

The lodge delights to honor Joseph Chappie, who has been its faithful treasurer for twenty years. Of the charter members but two have passed to the great beyond: These are F. B. Tarbutt and S. C. Clark, the latter having gone down with his engine in the railroad wreck near Sacramento during the great strike.

There are now nearly 100 members and never in the history of Berkeley lodge have its prospects been brighter than they are today.

Edw. Hersey, who has been seriously ill with consumption, for some time, was very low this morning.

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